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\$35,000 purse announced for PGA Seniors

The 1966 PGA Seniors' Teacher Trophy Championship will be held Feb. 24-27 at the PGA National Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Details were worked out by PGA Seniors' President Cliff Good of Midland CC, Midland, Mich.; the PGA Executive Committee and representatives of Wm. Teacher & Sons, of Scotland.

The total purse will be a minimum of \$35,000. This is the eighth increase in the 13 years that the tournament has been sponsored by the Glasgow firm headed by Ronald Teacher as chairman of the board. In 1954 and '55, the first two times it was co-sponsored by Teacher, the purse was \$5,000.

The four-day stroke-play event will be played over the East and West courses of the PGA National Golf Club. Eighteen-hole rounds Thursday and Friday will reduce the field to 100 players, and those tied for the 100th spot, for the final 36 holes Saturday and Sunday. In the event of a tie after 72 holes an 18-hole playoff will be held on Monday.

To the winner will go the traditional Teacher Trophy, first-place prize money still to be determined at this writing, an expense-paid trip to Great Britain to meet the British senior professional champion for the International Teacher Trophy and a check for \$1,500.

When the PGA Seniors' championship was launched at the Augusta National Golf Club, Augusta, Ga., in 1937, it was a pleasant little reunion for PGA members 50 and over, with \$2,000 in cash and prizes in a two-day 36-hole tournament.

In recent years the great names of golf have met for the Teacher Trophy. Sam Snead has been the international titleholder for the last two years. Herman Barron won it in 1963; Paul Runyan, 1962, '61; Dick Metz, 1960; Willie Goggin, 1959; Gene Sarazen, 1958 and Al Watrous, 1957.

The 1966 competition is open to all PGA of America members who will be 50 on or before Feb. 24, 1966. The closing date for entries is Jan. 31.